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**WHAT ALL CAN DO.**  
What are you going to do in 1923 to make "Happy New Year" your wish for all you greet on January 1st, come true?  
"What can I do?" is the natural answer.  
Here is something you can do; you can interest yourselves in your schools. You can visit some of them. You can see for yourself whether or not your own children are being adequately cared for, properly taught, wisely made into real Americans.  
"But I have no children," is no good answer. You have an American birthright. You have an American ideal. You believe in Democracy. You believe in freedom of thought, of religion, of the press, of action, within the law. You believe this is the best country in which to live. You believe that here rather than in any other land, man has the greatest opportunity to be happy.  
But you won't be able to believe these things if the generation to come after you does not so act that you can believe them. And the generation to follow you is not going to be truly and wholly American, unless its members are taught, now, today, this minute, in the fundamentals of the American doctrine.  
You pay your taxes and comfortably leave the rest to a school board, or a superintendent of schools, or a board of aldermen. When you give an order in business, do you forget it, or watch to see if it is carried out? When a woman tells her cook to prepare dinner, does she rest satisfied regardless of how the dinner is cooked, or train her cook to better ways if it is ill-done, or get a new cook if the old one can not be taught? Well, which is most important; the order in business, the cooking of a dinner, or the education of children? You have given your orders, as a voter and a taxpayer; it is your business to see that they are carried out. If you find them unexecuted, you can protest. But if no one looks to see, if no one protests, if no one takes an interest, not only the children, but America, your America, suffers!  
**FOOTBALL CODE.**  
Benny Owen, Oklahoma University's football coach, signed the code drawn up as the standard of conduct in football games, at the midwinter meeting of the American Football Coaches Association and the National Collegiate Athletic Association, held in New York Thursday.  
Among other and equally needful regulations and practices, the code prescribes that outstanding plays of daring and skill shall be cheered, without respect to the side making the play.  
That's real sportsmanship. Football is an amateur sport. It should set a higher standard for both players and spectators. The visiting team is at a disadvantage in playing on a strange field. They should be made to feel as much at home as possible. To afford them such a feeling is nothing but fair play. To display true sportsmanship we must go further: Show an appreciation of pluck and dexterity for sport's sake, even if these qualities are the opponents'.  
A visiting team should be made to feel that they are on friendly ground; that the referee is their protector. They should be made to feel that they are the guests of the team against which they are playing, and the student body which it represents.  
Football is growing in the public favor. It is becoming more popular every season. There should be no delay in embracing the code of conduct which has been drawn up by the coaches' association.

**NEW AMERICAN HISTORY.**  
At a recent meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, its commander, Col. T. L. Huston, proposed that the organization work for a thorough revision of textbooks of history, now in use in United States schools, with the idea of misleading "facts." A committee is to be appointed by the veterans at the request of the American Book Company to co-operate in making a study of its histories, with a view to eliminating propaganda and to see that the histories teach nothing but American ideals.  
If the American Book Company and the committee appointed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars will bear this in mind, they will, indeed, do America good service.

**IDLENESS.**  
Idleness, when it is general, invariably produces mischief.  
It gives those who are mischievously inclined an opportunity to exercise their bent for mischief. For such, employment of the hands, and the mind, if possible, is the best restraint.  
A long list of crime was reported throughout the country during the Christmas holidays. It goes to show what a calamity might overtake us if the wheels of commerce were stopped for even so brief a space as a fortnight or even a week.  
People not under the self-restraint of moral or religious discipline do not fare well at times of leisure and idleness. For such, constant employment is the best restraint.

## WILDCATTING

Over Oklahoma.

### CONDITION SERIOUS

Amos is confined to his bed following the holidays with a severe attack of flatulobrochitis. His full recovery is not looked for under three months.

### SUSIE MINDS HER PA

"That fellow Phipps comes here too much," said Susan's father grimly. "We'll have to put a stop to that. You must sit down on him." Now, Susie is a nice, good girl. Respects parental powers; So, when young Phipps came 'round last night, She sat on him for hours.

Moke—"Does yuh really love me or does yuh jes' think yuh do?" Moke—"Yes, indeedy, honey, I really loves yuh; I ain't done any thinkin' yet."

You may have noticed that the nearer wrong a man is the more impatient he is of criticism. If a man is too darn stubborn to agree with anybody, he is intellectual.

You can always tell by the grease spots on the cushions whether the garage man you told to go over the car, thoroughly, does.

"Great stenographer you have there. Sure takes notes in a hurry." "Sure does. She'll be a pippin when she gets so she can read 'em."

## Editorial of the Day

### TAKING THE PLEDGE

William D. Upshaw, congressman from Georgia, and former evangelist and anti-saloon lecturer, has a plan to make prohibition a reality. In a speech in the House the other day, he called upon president, cabinet, congress and all other groups of federal employees to take a solemn pledge that they will "never again build up a bootleggers' baronage by drinking any form of or any amount of illicit liquors at any dinner, at any function, or in any bathroom or back alley."

When officialdom has set this example to the country, he says, let the president call upon all other public officials, everywhere, and with them all private citizens, to pledge themselves likewise to total abstinence for the common good.

This proposal, and the zeal with which it is set forth, may bring a broad smile, but is there not something in the idea?

To a casual observer, it looks as if the country is just about ripe for another temperance movement of the Murphy type, which swept the country a generation ago, but greater in extent.

The public has been getting pretty thoroughly disgusted with the evils of the bootlegging traffic. To most people, taking the pledge now would be an easy matter. A first class crusader might get an avalanche of pledges. Enforcing a more drastic effort at law enforcement, crying up the country.—Durant Democrat.

## Berton Braley's Daily Poem

### GOOD NEWS

I like the friendly letter that is full of pleasant chatter, or the letter from the folks back home; And the gushing girlish letter crammed with bright and slangy patter.

And the letter from across the foam; I like the plain epistle from some dear old maiden auntie, and a comrade's letter, true and tried; But the best of all these missives, though it otherwise is scanty,

Is the letter with the check inside.

There's the letter full of crosses (indicating loving kisses) Which will give each lover's heart a thrill; There's the letter (far from joyous any missive such as this) Which 'begs to call attention to a bill';

Business letters, begging letters, letters gay and letters merry; Letters that you want to show—or hide; But the best of all epistles—though the thought sounds mercenary—

Is the letter with the check inside.

Friends may write to calm and cheer you in a manner sympathetic, And it's nice to have them write that way. Other folks may spur you onward with their phrases energetic,

And you may take their advice, some day; But when things are going badly with no sign of getting better

And you think the game of life's a snide, It's then you get new courage from the truly helpful letter,

The letter with the check inside!

## YOU JUST CAN'T GET AWAY FROM THIS CHRISTMAS SPIRIT



### TEN YEARS AGO

Happenings in Carter County and Ardmore as Told by the Files of the Ardmoreite.

James Tallafiero, county commissioner elect from the second district, came in from Lone Grove this afternoon. He states that a very pleasant Christmas was enjoyed by all in his community.

Miss Dee Lyon entertained six school friends last night with quite a happy shinner party. The girls enjoyed a delicious supper, after which they assembled in the parlor for games. Those spending the night with Miss Lynn were: The Misses Jeanette Ensworth, Ethel McElroy, Inez Marston, Gertrude Alexander and Addie Lee Morgan.

C. L. Byrne, who has been confined to his home for several days with an attack of la grippe has so far recovered as to be able to attend his business affairs again.

Secretary West and President Ringer of the Ardmore commercial club, state that they have almost perfected arrangements for holding the first monthly stock sale in this county. They propose to hold this sale on the first Saturday in January.

S. H. Harris has succeeded A. A. Massey as under-sheriff of Carter county. He entered upon the discharge of his duties during the week just past.

### POISONED

The stomach pump now is used more than any other instrument except the thermometer, in leading city hospitals. So say doctors.

The lowly stomach pump's rise from obscurity to national prominence is a part of the "successful working of prohibition." It keeps many bootleggers from being indicted for murder. City hospital in Boston reports, average age of booze victims now is 35. Before prohibition, it was 55. The new brand of liquor merely kill faster. J. Barleycorn used to be a slow poison.

## Sooner Read

The Bartlesville Daily Enterprise believes that the ties of home, sweet home, are likely to grow sweeter. The eastern courts, it finds, have held that a man has a right to get drunk on his own property.

The Ponca City News is not surprised that there have been loud complaints from a news story which it recently printed as the result of a shooting affray, in which it referred to certain persons as police characters, and describing the place where the shooting occurred as a gambling den. "We would have been distinctly disappointed," says the News, "if everyone had approved the article."

A waiter in the senate restaurant at Washington dropped a bottle of liquor on the floor, and Senator Curtis of Kansas, enraged, ordered his discharged. "Anyone as careless as that," says the Daily Oklahoman "should be discharged."

"A Parisian calls his newly-devised aeroplane 'the Flying Egg' because of its shape," says the Tulsa Tribune, which adds that it would "advise him not to be too confident. We have encountered, in our young life, two or three eggs that seemed about to fly, but they never reached the home plate."

Beggs Discusses City Manager Plan LEWIS, Ok.—The adoption of the city manager plan of government for Beggs is being discussed here. Candidates for the position have already been announced for mayor include E. J. George, Al Juby, D. T. Watson, M. A. Lyons, and Mrs. Minnie Drinker. Mayor T. E. Jones has announced he will not be a candidate.

### THE REFEREE

#### CHINATOWN

Nigger Mike is dead. This gets into print because years ago, in New York's Chinatown, Mike gave Irving Berlin his first job as a writer. Berlin, inventor of ragtime, in these days was just beginning to create melody, and his first royalties were nickels tossed to him by the patrons of Nigger Mike.

Hard work, genius and character have made Berlin rich famous.

Mike employed hand-picked other singing waiters in his day. But none except Berlin ever was heard of again. There is a natural ability born in some of us that no amount of effort or training can artificially create in others. In ability we are not born equal, and we know it, though we like to "kid" ourselves.

#### GENIUS

One can be an artist without letting the hair grow long or wearing a shabby velvet jacket. So says Blas de Lezo, Venetian painter visiting the United States. He's famous as a portrait painter of women.

Long hair and velvet jackets, however, help by giving the artists atmosphere. Life's a play and should be staged fittingly, at work and in the home.

Why do so many artists like long hair? A few geniuses started it. Lesser statuettes copied. All of us are hero-worshippers and copy cats.

#### SHARING

Sixty families will try out "ideal communism" in the Arrow River Valley of Canada. Land will be equally divided, crops shared so that no one will get more or less than the rest. Other work, such as running the sawmill, will be shared. All property except clothing and household goods will be owned and used jointly by the community.

This experiment will work until the lazy and shiftless show up in their true colors and begin wanting the others to support them. In 60 families, how many will get "windol" quickly? A conservative estimate would be, a third.

## For Sims Says

"This world is so full of a number of things," sang Louis. They found 20 needles in an Iowa woman's stomach.

What is worse than getting two ties exactly alike for Christmas?

A wise man never goes hunting with an enemy of his.

Making love is often simple because the people who make it are.

Cheer up! Only six more months until it will be too hot.

A brisk demand for whiskbrooms is the natural result of drinking holiday home-brew.

A cook tells us the most misunderstood thing on earth is hash.

Duck hunters report a big crop of sparrows.

Just before a man's wife takes him to death he hopes his worst enemy is her next husband.

It is estimated the average man could learn to beat a drum with the energy spent shaking hands.

The rumor that there will be another war is four years old now.

Some towns are so lucky, insurance men is missing in Cleveland.

A man about town is usually about broke.

All the world likes a liker.

The Ohio man who insured his life for \$10,000 may have expected to play at a New Year dance.

## Holiday Shooters Cost Heavy From Loss By Burnings

It is estimated by the firemen on duty at Ardmore's two stations, that fire crackers, roman candles, rockets, and pin wheels, have cost the city at least the price of one new motor fire engine and equipment since December 24 when the pyrotechnics started, and from the present rate of calls sent in, it will cost even more before the last candle sputters and burns itself out.

Since the above late the fire department has been on the jump every hour of the day and night, and where they are only called to extinguish grass fires that have been started by fire works, the wear and tear on equipment has been heavy, to say nothing of the added nerve strain on the men.

So far no serious damage has resulted, but it is due to the vigilance of the fire department that big fires have been averted, and according to the firemen, the end does not seem to be in sight.

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### DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

Tom's Waited a Long Time for This

BY ALLMAN



### FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

The Meanest Man

BY BLOSSER.

